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Ask Yourself The Question

—NOT, "WILL A UNIFORM FIT ME?"
—BUT, "CAN I MEASURE UP TO A UNIFORM?"

Out of the thirteen million men who registered on September 12th, only one out of every six will win his way into the uniform of the United States Expeditionary Forces. Those who are not fortunate enough to be able to answer their Country's call must perform their tasks along other lines. We all must conserve our resources. Every true patriot will say, "I must keep a bank account, save my money, and thereby help my country."

WE INVITE YOU TO CALL

Citizens State Bank

HAYS, KANSAS

France, Sept. 29, 1918.

Dear friend: I received your letter some time ago and was certainly glad to hear from you. Today is Sunday and there isn't much to do so I'll answer it. We work on Sunday the same as any other day, but things have quieted down a bit up on the lines so we are not receiving as many wounded as we were. At present I am working in the receiving ward, this is where the wounded come first. We undress them and take their history. It's rather a busy place in a rush, and we had some rush when they made that push on this sector.

I am feeling fine. Never felt better in my life, I weigh 146 pounds in my shirt sleeves, not so bad is it? We get plenty to eat. This morning for breakfast we had bacon, boiled rice, milk, sugar, fried potatoes and coffee.

I have seen only two of the boys from home over here. They were George Miller and George McVey and believe me I was sure glad to see them. They have had lots of experiences that I haven't had. You see we have been stationed in this same place ever since we came over, and the only excitement we've ever had was air raids, and they have even let up since the lines have been advanced.

This is a pretty country that we are stationed in, lots of trees, and big hills just like there are along the Smoky River and the same river that flows through Metz is about a mile south of here. We went swimming in it this summer.

Do you remember the time we gave an entertainment at Good Hope and Marie sang a song about a certain province in France, or rather a little girl from there? Well we are in that province.

Did you read about Major Luffbery getting killed over here? I saw that fight. Also saw Lieutenant Winslow bring down his first Boche.

Well this will be all for this time, thanks very much for the letter. I am sorry I didn't get to answer it before. Say Hello to Ma and Pearl and the rest, and write to me again please. I remain as ever your friend,

John Weber.

Evac. Hosp. No. 1. A. P. O. 784. A. E. F.

This letter was written to Miss Katie Joslin who was John's former teacher at Good Hope. The province to which he refers is Luzerne.

At last for an argument against Hays B. White, the Republican nominee for congress in the Sixth district, the Democratic politicians are now claiming that he is a poor man. That was their argument for John R. Con-

nolly two years ago. The Republican nominee was at that time a spike-tailed dragon because he was rich. The Democratic politicians do love consistency.

Manhattan, Kans., Oct. 23.—Dr. William M. Jardine will be formally inaugurated as president of the Kansas State Agricultural college on Wednesday morning, November 6th. On this occasion, Doctor Jardine will deliver his inaugural address, pointing out the mission which he expects the college to fulfill. The principal invited speaker will be Dr. L. H. Bailey, formerly director of the college of agriculture in Cornell University, and the best known American writer on agricultural subjects. Arthur Capper, governor of Kansas and chairman of the board of administration will preside.

NOTICE VOTERS.

At the Election to be held Tuesday, November 5th, 1918, at the several Wards in the City of Hays, the Voting places are as follows:

First Ward, Alex Schueler, Jr., office. Judges, Miss Leahy, Paul Dreese, Mrs. D. C. Noland. Clerks, Miss Keller, Mrs. Mendler.

Second Ward, First Building east of Windsor Hotel. Judges, Mrs. Lou Groff, Mrs. Chris Wise, Alex Meier. Clerks, Mrs. Jordan, Peter Jacobs.

Third Ward, New City Hall. Judges Mrs. Hoffman, Mrs. Jake Wolf, P. A. Wasinger. Clerks, Katherine McLain, Miss Anna Ryan.

Geo. Philip, Jr., Mayor.

Attest: Peter Holzmeister,

City Clerk.

NOTICE.

All Republican precinct committees in every voting precinct in Ellis county are requested by order of the chairman of the State Central Committee to meet in Hays, Saturday, October 26th at C. W. Miller's office to arrange for the coming election November 5th.

Peter Johnson, Jr.,

Chairman County Central Committee

Card of Thanks.

Overflowing with thanks, I cannot find words to express my sincere gratitude toward all the kind, big-hearted ladies who so lovingly nursed the sick at the Red Cross Hospital. I assure you all that I shall never forget their kindness and self-sacrifice in offering themselves in this grand work of mercy. Earthly reward were slight compensation. God will reward you. In profound gratitude I remain

F. S. Wasinger.

There will be no services at the M. E. Church for another week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Gilby, Monday morning a daughter.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schwallier, Tuesday morning. George Suppes, an Ellis County boy was killed in battle in France recently.

Dr. D. R. Stoner was over from Ellis Wednesday. He is a new subscriber to the Free Press.

For Rent—Modern five room cottage furnished, 318 West Juniata Street.—Mrs. Rose Nolan.

Miss Ruby Thomas has been assisting in the office at the Experiment Station during the school vacation.

Quite a number of relatives of the soldier boys visited the Fort Hays Normal Camp last Saturday and Sunday.

After a weeks closing of the dining room of the Brunswick Hotel, they re-opened Monday for the winter.

Miss Alice Case one of the stenographers at the Experiment Station has resigned her position at the station.

George Grass, Jr., surprised his relatives and friends Saturday morning by coming home on a short vacation from his army work.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gill spent a few days last week in Mankato, visiting Mrs. Gill's mother, Mrs. DeNoon and other friends in Mankato.

Attorney Carl Holmquist came in Saturday from the army camp and was shaking hands with his many friends. He likes the new life.

Sodore's have leased and will move into the Mrs. Munroe cottage on east Normal Avenue. Mrs. Munroe and daughter will go east on a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Snapp, and Mrs. Osmond, parents and sister of Mr. J. W. Snapp, left last Friday for their home in Hennessey, Oklahoma.

Rev. Wiest left Wednesday night for Pennsylvania to visit relatives and friends and join his wife and daughter who have been in that state for several weeks.

Mrs. J. W. Snapp returned home Thursday evening from Bridgeport where she attended the funeral of her father who died from injuries received from a young bull.

Mr. Frank Arrington was called home from Scott City by the dangerous illness of his son, Ted. A pus sack was removed from the pleura of the young man Sunday who is improving at this writing.

The bereaved family of Dr. Geo. P. Hemm, extend their sincere appreciation and thanks to their many friends who so generously assisted them in their great sorrow.—Mrs. Geo. P. Hemm and family.

It is learned that George Bullock, a former resident of Hays, died at Fostoria, Ohio last Sunday from influenza. Mr. Bullock left Hays about 20 years ago and many of the old timers will no doubt remember him.

A number of the nurses of Bethany hospital at Kansas City, have the influenza. Mrs. H. A. Cowan has received word that her foster niece, Miss Violet Foreman of Junction City who is one of the head nurses in Bethany, has contracted pneumonia.

Mr. Geo. C. Gibbons, bookkeeper at the Experiment Station, left for Topeka, Saturday night on a short vacation. The Sunday edition of the Topeka Capital announced his wedding plans for Friday of this week. The lady is Miss Worley of Topeka.

Typhoid fever has claimed for a victim Miss Marjorie Smith of Mankato, eldest child of Rev. A. N. Smith formerly pastor of the M. E. Church of Hays. Marjorie was a sweet promising girl of about fifteen, budding into beautiful womanhood. Mrs. A. N. Smith is dangerously ill with the dreaded disease. Mr. Smith is a Y. M. C. A. Secretary in France.

Chief Justus W. A. Johnston is again asking the people of Kansas to cast their ballots for him November 5th. While we are not personally acquainted with Mr. Johnston, we know he stands high as a lawyer and a Justice of the Supreme Court, and the great work he has accomplished for the state should assure him the suffrage of every voter regardless of party. Read the article from the Capital in this week's Free Press and then cast your ballot for this most worthy and excellent public servant.

So as to prevent spreading of influenza and keep the Fort Hays Military camp record good, Captain Delaney has quarantined the soldier boys in the building after 5 o'clock—no going out on the campus. Any woman or girl found on the reservation after supper are to be arrested and kept in the guard-house all night and the boys made to carry guns and do patrol duty as their punishment.

Dr. Meade is at home nursing an afflicted foot.

Why order Monuments elsewhere when we have first class works here at home.

Miss Helen Pestana went Tuesday to Ellis to help in the care of the sick.

Harry L. Pestana returned Wednesday evening from a week's business trip to Kansas City.

Mr. T. F. Kerns, bookkeeper at the Normal had so far recovered that his daughter, Mrs. Maude Sill returned Thursday to her home at Leavenworth.

Mr. Frank H. Kerns of Atchison, who came the earlier part of last week to help care for his father left Sunday morning for his home at Atchison. His father, Mr. T. F. Kerns accompanied him.

To put a stop to crowds meeting and the consequent spreading of influenza in Hays, Agent Noble ordered that the distribution of the evening paper at the depot be discontinued. The Times is now being delivered on the street near the Hays Opera house. Line up.

President Lewis returned Wednesday evening from Topeka, and reports the statewide closing order closes this Saturday, and the question of opening the schools and public places rests with local boards of health, some locations being nearly free of the disease. Here in Ellis county the emergency hospitals have been closed and the epidemic seems to be abated except as to a few scattering families.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. John Gatewood this week, at her home on the North Smoky Valley. She is the daughter of John Gilbert, and came here with the family many years ago, and married John Gatewood. She had a handsome home in the southwest part of the county, her husband having died several years ago. The funeral will be from the Methodist church in Hays, this Friday at 11 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Williams returned the first of the week from Denver. Mr. Williams had been called to the Pacific coast by an accident which happened to his mother while enroute from Seattle to Southern California. She was in a railroad wreck and suffered an injury to her back which may be somewhat permanent. Mrs. Williams met him in Denver and visited there a few days.

All persons having knitted articles for the Red Cross finished or unfinished please send them without fail with unused yarn to the basement of the Public Library, Saturday, October 26th, between 3 and 5 p. m. See that your name is upon the bundle. It is expected that yarn for a new quota will soon be received. The quota asked for is 100 sweaters and 80 pair of socks to be completed by December 1st. Watch for announcement when yarn is received. We wish to send in all knitted articles now at hand.

The influenza epidemic situation in Kansas City has been terrible, and the more so as there was a shortage of nurses. The Kansas City Times of Wednesday has this about one of the Hays nurses, daughter of Harry Pestana: "Mrs. Harry Mather, in charge of the Red Cross nursing section, said last night that Red Cross units in surrounding towns were volunteering their service for work here and that probably that many of them would be called upon. Miss Helen Pestana, head nursing aid at the emergency Red Cross hospital in Hays, Kansas, where the epidemic has just been stamped out, wired the Star last night volunteering her services. Mrs. Mather probably will call her today."

Mrs. De Santos of East Juniata street, this city, has given another son to the cause of her government. Some time ago one of her boys who had enlisted with the Canadian troops early in the war was reported killed in action. Last week her youngest son, Ferdinand, who had enlisted from Trego county, and was sent to camp Travis, Texas, died from pneumonia and his body was brought to his old home in Collier where it was buried this week with military honors. The guard sent from camp, was assisted by the State Guards acted as pall bearers and escort. Another son came up from Camp Funston to attend the funeral. Ferdinand was 26 years old, a single man, and had always lived in Trego and Gove counties. His father, a soldier of the sixties, died several years ago.

Leona M. Jantzen says if she is elected to the office of Register of Deeds she will give the duties of the office the same care she did while deputy. Ellis county has never elected a lady to a county office. The people now have the best opportunity they will ever have to do so. A lady who having had several years experience is absolutely and unequivocally competent for the position. She was reared in Ellis county; taught school in the county for eight terms. For the past seven years she has been employed in the various offices in the court house. Those who have had business transactions with her speak very highly of her ability. If you want a competent and trustworthy public servant in the office of register of deeds, vote for Miss Leona Jantzen.

On Thursday following the closing of the schools Miss Anna Hopkins went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bird and assisted in the care of the sick ones and remained for about ten days.

Obituary—Private Everet R. Higgins Everet Ray Higgins was born in South Lookout Township, Ellis county, June 29th, 1897, died at the Base hospital at Fort Riley, Tuesday, October 5th at the age of 21 years, 3 months and 6 days.

September 7, just one month and one day before his death he had gone to Camp Funston and enlisted as a Private Soldier in his Country's Service. For three weeks of this time he was in the army hospital suffering from an attack of influenza and pneumonia from which he never recovered.

Another brother, Fred C. Higgins, is a soldier in training at Camp Lewis Washington, who was granted a furlough to attend the funeral. His father, two brothers and one sister are dead. His mother, three brothers and six sisters mourn his untimely death. During his sickness his mother and a brother went to Fort Riley to watch beside his bed and render what help and comfort they were able.

There is one consolation, he died at the post of duty, serving his country that humanity might be free all the world over. For this cause he gave his best, his life. He paid full price and made the supreme sacrifice and will be held in everlasting remembrance.

He was buried with military honors on Monday, October 21, 1918. The casket was draped with the flag of his country. The pall bearers were chosen from Company A of the State Guards and a Squad of Soldiers from the Fort Hays Training Camp fired the salute, another gave the bugle call.

Rev. Snapp conducted a brief religious service.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our heart felt thanks to our many friends who kindly assisted us and showed such sincere sympathy in the recent sickness and death of our soldier boy and brother.

Mrs. Higgins and Family.

Obituary.

Blanche E. Sanford was born in Graham County, Kansas, September 5, 1888 and was married to W. M. Jenkins, July 28, 1909. She departed this life October 16, 1918, at the age of thirty years, one month and eleven days.

She leaves her husband, Mr. W. M. Jenkins of the Morrison Jewelry store, three small children, her parents of Hill City, one brother and four sisters to mourn her death.

Mrs. Jenkins was a member of the Christian church of Hill City. She was laid to rest at Hill City.

Voters Attention.

Every day that court is held in this county by a Judge pro tem, it costs the tax payers of Ellis county \$10.00 in addition to their proportion of the salary of the Judge of this district.

As the present Judge is now in the employ of the United States Government and drawing a salary from it, and there is considerable court business in this county, the terms lasting two to three weeks at a time with adjourned days in between terms, this will amount to quite a little item, especially so if Judge Ruppenthal should be re-elected.

The best way to avoid this unpleasant situation is to vote for and elect I. T. Purcell, Judge of the 23rd Judicial District.

To the Voters of Ellis County.

My official duties prevent me from visiting each voter individually, as I would like to do, and I therefore take this method of presenting to you my candidacy for the Office of Probate Judge.

The aspirant for this office should be possessed of certain qualifications, among which are a knowledge of Probate Law combined with sound discretion and mature judgement, since he has under his control and disposition the estates of widow and orphans and is vested with the guardianship of their rights. He is also ex-officio Judge of the Juvenile Court, in which capacity he is charged with the welfare of refractory or neglected children. It is therefore necessary that in addition to the qualifications already mentioned he be capable of adapting himself to their view point without relaxing the discipline necessary to their proper control.

I will endeavor to merit the confidence in my ability to fulfil these requirements, which you may indicate by your support at the coming election.

F. E. McLAIN,
Republican Candidate for Probate Judge, Ellis County, Kansas.

MOVED

To first door south of Tholen's Jewelry store opposite A. A. Wiesner's. Call on us here for all your ELECTRIC needs. We handle the best made. None better than the Bryan Marsh Lamp.—J. F. Costner.

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HAYS, KANSAS

Important Closure Notice.

To local Health Officers: The state of the public health, in viewing, the state as a whole, has not sufficiently improved from the ravages of the so-called Spanish Influenza as to warrant the lifting of the state wide closing order. Accordingly, we have recommended to the Governor, which recommendation has received his approval, that the closure order continue for at least one week more. Will you please be good enough to give notice through the various local papers of your county and city of the continuance of this order.

It has been decided to permit public sales on the farm if held under following conditions.

No food or lunches shall be served. No common drinking cups shall be available.

The sale shall be held in the open. No person except those interested as purchasers shall be permitted to attend.

The new closing order further provides for the closure of billiard and pool halls except for sale of cigars and similar articles, and soft drink establishments, except upon the following conditions.

All glasses, spoons and other utensils served to the public shall be thoroughly sterilized by boiling water or live steam; or that in lieu thereof paper cups and dishes should be used.

The Governor has called upon the health officials, police officials and sheriffs to see that this order is obeyed. Please to give the matter the widest publicity.

Fraternally yours,

S. J. Crumline,

Secretary State Board of Health. The above order applies to Ellis county and extends the closure order now in force until Sunday, November 4th, 1918.

Dr. P. C. Anders.

Per Dr. O. A. Hennerich, Deputy County Health Officer.

Public Sale.

On Monday, November 4th at two o'clock p. m. at the School house in District No. 42 we will sell the rock, lumber and all the salvage belonging to the old school house, to the highest bidder.—By the Board of District 42.

Cliffe Hellis of Denver, Colo., a nephew of Dr. and Mrs. George B. Snyder, died a few days ago in a base hospital in London, England, another amongst the thousands of sacrifices for human liberty.

A letter from Otto Swaller, at Clay Center, to C. W. Miller, states that he is exceedingly pleased to hear of John's graduation. He says: "It is a credit to any young man who can pass the ground school examination, and he is to be congratulated."

He further says in regard to his own son, who is an aviation graduate: Robbins took flying training at Kelley Field, Carlstrom Field, Kelly Field again and later went thru the instructor's school at Brooksfield, was finally sent to Mather Field at Sacramento as an instructor and was advanced to an instructor in aerobatics. He passed the examinations for immediate flying service over-seas last month and was ordered across.

We had a cable from him last week advising that the ship on which he sailed had arrived over-seas.

Miss Wooten Honored. Recognition of Hays and its representative in art circles has been given to Miss Georginia Wooten this week. The State Council of Defense has accepted her poster for its statewide campaign for the adoption of the two constitutional amendments at the November election. This poster is a large three color one and will soon be seen in all the store windows of Hays. Folders have also been made by the State Council of Defense using her poster in reduced size. The large poster and the folder are now being distributed all over Kansas. The Free Press wishes to congratulate Miss Wooten on the fine recognition of her work. It might be added that P. Casper Harvey is the statewide director of publicity for the two amendments with headquarters in Kansas City, Kansas.

Look to Your Registration. The question whether or not you are registered is to the front again. The election is but a few weeks away and unless you are registered by ten o'clock the night of October 25th, it will be impossible for you to vote at this election.

The books are now open at the City Clerk's office.

INSURING THE FUTURE

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